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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO from 1449, copies of which are submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the cited references be listed on the face of any patent issuing from this application.

These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims, rather only constitute the closest prior art of which Applicants are presently aware.

Respectfully Submitted

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